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CLEANING PROCESSES**
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Sir:

RESPONSE TO ELECTION/RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

This paper is responsive to the Office Action dated March 18, 2008. The Examiner has indicated that claims 1-19, 21-22, 26-28, 32-33 and 35-41 are pending in the application and are subject to restriction and/or election requirement. Specifically, we understand that the Examiner has grouped the claims between two distinct species. Species A, of which claims 3-7, 22, 26 and 27 read on, is directed to an embodiment wherein the particle-reducing film is an oxide formed on the first film deposit. Species B, of which claims 8, 28, 32-33 and 35-41 read on, is directed to an embodiment wherein the particle-reducing film is a nitride film formed from at least a portion of the first film deposit. The Examiner indicates claims 1-2, 9-19 and 21 are generic.

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Applicants hereby elect Species B without traverse. Examination on the merits of
elected claims 1-2, 8-19, 21, 28, 32-33 and 35-41 is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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